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TOPIC Polish Bullets in KatowiceEVALUATION 50X1-HUM PLACE OBTAINED 50X1-HUMDATE OF CONTENT 50X1-HUMDATE OBTAINED 50X1-HUM DATE PREPARED 8 March 1950REFERENCES 50X1-HUMPAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 50X1-HUMREMARKS 50X1

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1. The Katowice (O 51/Y 57) PW Camp east of the Oheim-grube (mine) was converted into troop quarters between October and December 1949. The already existing wooden cantonment buildings were reinforced by brick walls, and four new two-story brick buildings were erected.
2. With construction work still going on, the camp was occupied by a Polish battalion of about 800 men in mid-October 1949. The battalion arrived in close order with a band playing. 50X1-HUM it came from Torun (Q 54/J 39) and consisted only of 20 to 25-year-old ethnic Germans from West Prussia and Pomerania, who had opted for Poland. By October 1949 they had already served for six to eight weeks. Officers and NCOs of the battalion were national Poles and did not speak German.
3. The EM were to work in the mine for one year. Only drill training and no tactical training was observed. Arms were observed with only some guards. Some of the EM had served with the former German Armed Forces. The uniforms were of brown color, the epaulets without colored borders and insignia.

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The data on uniforms, arms and activity indicates that the reported battalion is an SP unit.

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